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BRIAN AMPOLSK, 1418 Haring Road, Metairie, Louisiana, appeared at the New Orleans Office on November 29, 1963 and furnished the following information:

He met LEE HARVEY OSWALD one or two days before OSWALD was arrested for handing out literature of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee on Canal Street, in New Orleans. AMPOLSK described his conversation with OSWALD as one dealing with the situation in Cuba. He said that he and OSWALD merely spoke in a general way concerning this situation. He recalled that he did not agree with OSWALD's views concerning Cuba and described OSWALD as a member of the "fanatic fringe". He advised that he considered all members of the Fair Play for Cuba as members of the "fanatic fringe". While he was conversing with OSWALD, he was aware that there were one or two other persons also handing out literature, but he paid no attention to them and does not recall what they looked like. He said that he had not known OSWALD before this chance meeting and had no contact with him after this meeting. He advised that he would not have remembered OSWALD at all unless the shooting of the President occurred. He said he was not too impressed with OSWALD and felt that OSWALD was not a sincere Marxist. In his opinion, OSWALD only wanted attention, which may have been due to the fact that his father died when he was very young. AMPOLSK stopped to talk with OSWALD while OSWALD was passing out literature on Canal Street. He was not introduced to OSWALD by anyone.

AMPOLSK said that OSWALD was bitter about the U.S. Blockade of Cuba in late 1962 and that he agreed with him, but he was not bitter in his attitude as OSWALD was. He said that he could not recall any more concerning his conversation with OSWALD as the whole conversation only lasted about five minutes.

AMPOLSK defined "fanatic fringe" as those persons who lose sight of definite goals because their thinking becomes warped by hatred.

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AMPOLSK said that he disagreed with the President's policy concerning Cuba but liked KENNEDY's policies concerning the improvement of social and economic conditions and was very much in favor of KENNEDY's strong stand on civil rights.

AMPOLSK said he has never been a member of any organization like Fair Play for Cuba.

AMPOLSK said that he is presently a student at Louisiana State University in New Orleans and works part time at the Bridgedale Branch of the Jefferson Parish Public Library.